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REQUEST FOR REFUND OF EXCESS CLAIMS FEE PAID

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Applicant electronically filed Amendment and Response A on October 25, 2010.

Following this submission, an excess claims fee of \$884 was erroneously charged to Deposit Account 20-0823.

Applicant requests that Deposit Account 20-0823 be refunded for the excess claims fee of \$884 because Applicant had previously paid for all of the claims present in the patent application.

The subject patent application was originally filed with 102 claims (of which 14 claims were independent). (See Preliminary Amendment received by the USPTO with the national stage entry on September 23, 2005). The fees for these claims was paid via Deposit Account 20-0823 on September 23, 2005. (See Transmittal of New Application form received by the

USPTO on September 23, 2005). At this time, the pending claims in the patent application were claims 1-38, 40-52, and 54-104.

By an Election dated April 30, 2010, Applicant canceled claims 1-38 and 65-97. The pending claims in the patent application following this Election were claims 4-52, 54-64, and 98-104.

Next, in an Amendment and Response A dated October 25, 2010, Applicant further amended the claims such that new claims 105-175 were added. Following this amendment, the total number of pending claims was 102 claims (of which 6 were independent).

Because Applicant had previously paid for 102 total claims (14 independent) when Applicant filed this patent application, Applicant respectfully submits that no excess claims fees were due following Applicant's Amendment and Response A, at which point the application included 102 total claims (6 independent). Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the USPTO erroneously charged Deposit Account 20-0823 for an excess claims fee of \$884 following the submission of Amendment and Response A. Applicant respectfully requests that Deposit Account 20-0823 be refunded this \$884.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

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